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Sunday

THE REDEEMER

SERMONETTE

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpéneth the countenance of his friend.
Proverbs 27:17

Here is a hidden truth as unchangeable as the eternal throne of God. The meaning is this--as a smith sharpens an iron with hard blows, so a hard glance may affect the countenance of a friend. A fierce look is likely to beget hate, while a kindly look and a soft answer may "turn away wrath." (Prov. 15:1)

Gentle reader, did it ever occur to you that your inner thoughts affect your countenance? We read, "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings." (Isa. 3:9, 10)

Again we read, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov.23:7) Mark! He may appear nice, he may be a moral man, but he is no better than his thoughts; for thoughts beget words, and words produce actions, and these mold character and finally fix destiny. Beloved, see then that the fountain is pure, for these little rivulets may become surging rivers for good or evil.

If we could see with angelic vision, we might behold both a black-winged and a white-winged sculptor on each side of us. Every time we think an ignoble and hateful thought, the black-winged demon chisels a line of meanness in the countenance. On the other hand, when we repudiate every hateful suggestion and substitute in its place, purity and beneficense, that white-winged angel erases these old lines of invisible wickedness and the countenance becomes serene and heavenly.

Kind reader, do you not see that it is to your interest to look beautiful? To win your way? This can be done only by letting Christ come in and live His life out through your life. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." In other words, Christ disembodied Himself that He might re-embody Himself in me and live out His beautiful life the second time on earth; just as a parent reproduces his life, his characteristics and his temperament in the life of his child. How wonderful that Jesus can come into a heart and change it, so that even the countenance will become placid and refined.

Sinner friend, will you let that great transformation begin? It can be had for the asking, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:8)

C. E. preview

Y. P.
SENIORS
INTERMEDIATES
JUNIORS

The long delayed candlelight service for the installation of officers will be held tonight. Tom Mukai will be the chairman with a special speaker from the group to give a short talk.

Miss Bertha Starkey will be the speaker for the evening. As important plans will be made as to the advisibility of continuing or disbanding the Senior C. E., all members are requested to come, tonight at 7:30 p.m., 310-12-D.

--E. E. Shelhamer--

A discussion on improvements of Church, C.E., and Sunday School will be held tonight.

As this group is exclusively for boys and girls of Senior High School age, all such students are cordially invited to join every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Juniors will have a question box discussion this evening. All members who have problems about their spiritual lives, are to write out and hand them in. The meeting will be devoted to discussing and answering the questions brought up.

testimony

The Lord is My Shepherd. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me.

I can truly say that the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me was when I first set foot on Poston soil, for it was here that I came to the knowledge of the Lord. It has been truly great ever since knowing that I can say, "The Lord is My Shepherd", and the blessed assurance that He is always with us has carried me through many hard days.

God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that we might have everlasting life---that a sinner like me might be washed of my sins. Oh, the wonderful love He shows us. I pray every minute that I might be more worthy of His love.

'tis beautiful to walk in the steps of the Saviour. The tender care and the joy that we share can be from none other than Jesus alone.

Rose Tanabe

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

A Mass Choir to sing the traditional Yuletide hymns for the coming Christmas festivities has been formed in Poston Three under the direction of Misses Myrtle Barley and Raiko Konatsu.

The initial practice session was held Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. in 32? Chapel. More members are needed, so all young people who enjoy singing are invited to come next Saturday night to join.

church council

A special business meeting was held last Sunday evening to elect new Church Council members. Vacancies were the replacement of Dave Arata, general chairman, who left Poston; Kimi Shimizu, Church Clerk, who resigned because of poor health; and George Takaoka, who was shifted from Evangelism to General Chairman by recommendation of the Council. Also, the new office of Junior Evangelism was created.

Those elected were as follows:

Church Clerk - Tokiko Hirashima
Senior Evangelism - Frank Takahashi
Junior Evangelism - George Yamagata

The other members of the Council are the following:

General chairman - George Takaoka
Education - Sophie Shizume
Finance - Tom Mukai
Music - Raiko Konatsu
Publication - Shinobu Suzuki

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C. E. NOTES

YOUNG PEOPLE

During the short business meeting held by the Y.P.C.E. Raiko Konatsu was elected president of the society to replace Fudge Hirashima who relocated recently. It was decided to call the combined Y.P. and Adult C.E.s the Young People's C. E.

SENIORS

A business session was held at which time officers were selected. The cabinet now is as follows:

President - Hisaye Watari
Vice-pres.- Shinobu Suzuki
Secretary - Totomi Mano
Chairmen
Devotional - George Yamagata
Steward - Ruby Sakamoto
Fellowship - Velma Kurihara

INTERMEDIATES

An interesting evening was spent by the Intermediate group last Sunday, when Miss Alice Grube spoke on her missionary experiences in the Orient. Mark Ota gave a special trumpet number to top off the program.

JUNIORS

Object lessons by members of the Junior group consisted of the program last Sunday evening. This group is the largest in membership of the four C.E. organizations, and hopes to continue increasing.

TREASURY REPORT for OCTOBER

	Income	
Oct.	offering	$53.64
	Pledges	98.60
	Donations	38.50
		$190.74
	Expenses	
Oct. 1	Envelopes	.34
3	Gifts to ministerial students	20.00
8	Sunday School Supplies	11.54
11	Outside speakers	3.30
11	1½¢ envelopes	18.60
11	Library fund	1.00
14	Mimeograph paper & Stencils	127.37
25	Freight on books	1.29
25	Library Fund	2.00
		$185.44
	Balance Oct. 1, 1943	$344.85
	Total Income, October	190.74
		$535.59
	Total Expense, October	185.44
	Balance, Oct. 31, 1943	$350.15